AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 13 of page 1:

--A coupling of the initially mentioned type is known from DE-A-42 20 636. DE-A-4 220 636 shows a coupling of drill anchors with a sleeve with an inside thread and with two anchor pipes which bear an outside thread and which are screwed into the sleeve from opposing sides, essentially in the lengthwise middle of the sleeve there being an annular rib which projects to the inside, and the front surfaces of the ends of the anchor pipes held in the sleeves being located in the area of the annular rib and directly adjoining one another, the outside surfaces of the ends of the anchor pipes adjoining the inner end surface of the annular rib, forming a seal. In the coupling as claimed in DE-A-42 20 636 there are annular seals located next to the annular rib.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 21 and ending on page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

--Since in the coupling as claimed in the invention the ends of the anchor pipes which have been screwed into the sleeve fit into the annular rib which is provided in the sleeve, forming a seal, and due to the annular seal which is provided as claimed in the invention on the annular rib, the

escape of flushing medium and/or setting mass in the area of the coupling is prevented.

If according to one preferred embodiment of the coupling as claimed in the invention it is provided that the ends of the anchor pipes, which ends are held in the sleeve, and which anchor pipes directly adjoin one another with their front surfaces, directly adjoin one another with their front surfaces to form a seal, additional sealing in the area of the coupling is ensured, since between the ends of the anchor pipes located in the coupling the flushing medium and/or the setting mass cannot escape. In addition, this measure of the invention has the advantage that the rotary-impact force which warps the drill anchor when drilling a hole in rock is less of a problem, since transmission takes place directly from anchor pipe to anchor pipe.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The anchor pipes 2, preferably on the two ends 8, have a segment without an inside thread which extends away from the front surfaces 6 of the anchor pipe 2. This segment without a thread is made with a cylindrical outside surface 12. The front surfaces 6 of the anchor pipes 2 which are made annular have a chamfer 20 outside and optionally a chamfer 22 inside (Figure 6).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the coupling as claimed in the invention which is shown in Figure 8, in the cylinder surface of the annular rib 4 which points to the inside there is an annular groove in which an annular seal 21 of elastic material (O-ring) is inserted.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It should be pointed out that in Figure 8 the annular seal 21 is shown "idealized", therefore with its original round cross sectional shape. In fact, in the assembled state of the coupling it will be deformed in its part which projects over the inside surface of the annular rib 4 into a triangular cross sectional shape according to the outside chamfers 20 on the end surfaces 6 of the anchor pipes 2.--

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.